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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to a day earlier. Overall, the undertone was steady to full steady as the trade sentiment continues to improve. Demand was light to moderate, with promotional activity lower when compared to last week and a year earlier. Supplies were reported as balance to available with smaller sizes usually in the best position. Offerings were less available as producers confidence improves and they get ready to start packing for export deliveries. Breaking stock offerings were tight to sufficient for a moderate but unaggressive demand. Light type hens were mostly adequate for the light to fair demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA/MN/WI were 2 cents higher for small with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady on all sizes. Retail demand was reported in a full range of light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Institutional sales were mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	67-76	70-73	LARGE	48-57	52
LARGE	66-75	68-71	MEDIUM	43-49	47
MEDIUM	61-70	63-66	SMALL	27-31	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was usually steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to about adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were mostly adequate for reduced holiday processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	69-83	74-78
MEDIUM	64-77	69-71

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and distributive demand was mixed, slow to fairly good. Supplies were generally adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher, checks and undergrades unchanged. Offers tight to adequate for the limited demand as the New Year's holiday approaches. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules reduced for next week. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	72.5-81	74-77
MEDIUM	67.5-76	69-72

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's deliveries generally trending unchanged from the current week values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady, but confidence continues to improve. Retail and distributive demand was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were sufficient with lighter sizes usually reported in the best position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to about adequate for the moderate, but unaggressive demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for processors light needs; however, offerings had slowed.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-94.25	75-78
LARGE	72-93.25	73-76
MEDIUM	66.5-72.25	67-71

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices remained unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to the previous day's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	83-87
LARGE	81-85
MEDIUM	76-80

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74-82	75-77
LARGE	72-80	73-75
MEDIUM	67-75	68-70

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady with asking prices for next week unchanged throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate but in confident hands.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone improved to fully steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate but the persistent discounting of the last several weeks was replaced by trading that took place at or near full market values as seller confidence was bolstered by export orders. Small benchmark price 85.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	117
LARGE	111
MEDIUM	105

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-319
EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	199-289
MEDIUM	189-245

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	102-106
EXTRA LARGE	100-105
LARGE	98-101
MEDIUM	92-95

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were reported as tight to adequate with demand rather quiet as the New Year holiday approaches. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules somewhat reduced for next week. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	38-39	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-30	25-27
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Offerings were adequate to about adequate for the planned normal to light holiday schedules. Demand was moderate, but unaggressive. The undertone was at least steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 23-Dec-2006 were 2 % less than the previous week, and 8 % lower than a year ago. Total cases broken under federal inspection to date in 2006 was 1 % below a year earlier.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	33-38	34-36
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-28	21-25
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION-W/E 23-Dec-06
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,254,047	32,127	11,283	6,036	2,925	4,427
PW	1,262,206	32,716	10,937	5,676	2,439	4,576
LY	1,152,875	29,972	9,586	5,006	2,559	3,939
% PW	-1%	-2%	3%	6%	20%	-3%
% LY	9%	7%	18%	21%	14%	12%
2006	65,734,533	1,635,280	602,577	318,819	138,049	221,572
2005	66,576,597	1,591,392	636,441	341,087	145,644	225,030
% YTD	-1%	3%	-5%	-7%	-5%	-2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.96	42.71	42.07
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.43	39.08	38.65

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	612,608	48.9%	17,241	53.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	585,720	46.4%	17,094	52.3%
LAST YEAR	508,501	44.1%	15,465	51.6%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was usually steady for liquid products. Demand was very light for all products and most available liquid from this week's production had been pre-sold last week. Offerings were quiet to adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	12	23.5-26.5	25.33	.94
WHITES	9	31	31.00	.00
YOLKS	9	39-41	39.83	-.74

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and salted yolk prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with whites unchanged. Sugared yolk ranged irregular. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for all frozen products at current price levels. Offerings were adequate with demand light to instances fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) - TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	47-51	48-51
WHITES	47-52	49-51
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-59	56-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-54	50-53

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on whole and salt yolks, unchanged to higher on whites, and higher on sugar yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to good. Supplies were balanced to adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady to firm. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 23-Dec-2006 were 2 % more than the previous week, but 4 % lower than year ago.

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	45-51	48-51	51-57
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	48-52	48-51	51-58
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-59	56-58	60-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-54	51-53	56-64

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/23 was 5% less than the previous week. Demand seasonally good. Freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB Shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	52-56
WHITES	51-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks and blends, and unchanged to higher on albumen and whole when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair, but trading was usually reported as light. Offerings were adequate for the seasonal limited needs. Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Dec-2006 were 20% more than the previous week, and 14% higher than a year ago. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 5 % lower than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.65-1.90 MOSTLY	1.66-1.80
YOLKS	1.20-1.43 MOSTLY	1.25-1.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.35-3.70 MOSTLY	3.45-3.60
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.35-1.45	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 22, 2006-DEC 28, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
		73.25		FUTURE LOADS		51.75		125.00							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	51.17	—	52.67	53.23	52.00	56.00	31.00	GNR W 1	—	59.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W J	—	—	69.00	70.50	—	—	1.00	GL W J	70.00	—	—	—	61.00	74.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	62.75	61.00	59.58	54.54	52.00	48.00	GL W XL	75.00	64.50	—	—	—	72.02	11.75
GL W LG	—	—	—	58.63	52.71	—	36.25	GL W LG	72.00	52.75	—	—	—	67.56	18.00
GL W MD	63.00	—	57.38	59.50	59.00	—	9.75	GL W MD	55.56	62.00	—	—	—	62.00	4.50
GL W SM	—	51.00	45.25	45.50	—	—	3.00	GL W SM	42.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	109.00	—	2.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	38.47	43.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	30.67	6.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best. Offerings were mostly adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	7-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Dressed sales were slow. Disposal costs were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light while offerings were adequate for current needs. Schedules were reduced for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9	4.5-6

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules holiday light. Offerings adequate.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were more than sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was seasonally light to fair. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Christmas Day holiday. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23.5-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 25-26	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 23-Dec-06

This report will be released when the information becomes available.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	LARGE	MEDIUM
EX LARGE		
NORTHEAST	77.00	76.00
SOUTHEAST	76.50	74.50
MIDWEST	71.50	69.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	75.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	75.40	73.91

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 16, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	50	403	11,786	17,600
Frozen	3	0	175	59
Dried	10	14	747	861
Total	63	417	12,708	18,520

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending December 16, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	136	129	5,504	6,609
Frozen	0	4	914	672
Dried	0	0	66	371
Total	136	133	6,484	7,652

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 16, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	150	184
Extra Large	2,490	1,430	90,171	193,394
Large	5,813	7,165	176,178	349,265
Medium	950	630	86,286	112,605
Ungraded	6,480	3,750	254,718	236,374
Misc	0	0	6,975	9,753
Total	15,733	12,975	614,478	901,575

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
		(THOUSANDS)		
AM	12/26/06	3,256	34,715	64,055
AM	12/01/06	3,159	38,753	65,295
CHG		97	-4038	-1240
PCT CHG		3%	-10%	-2%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 23-DEC-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	193.4	0	-9
East North Central	645.8	2	3
West North Central	282.3	-7	0
South Atlantic	192.0	-4	-10
South Central	64.9	6	-8
West	207.5	1	4
Total	1585.9	-1	-1
Matched plants reporting	82	82	

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 23-DEC-2006	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Selected	(In Thousands)		LW	LY
Consuming Centers				
Atlanta	36.9	30.2	22	-5
Boston	3.3	3.1	6	6
Chicago	97.8	87.2	12	-8
Detroit	20.2	18.4	10	-25
Kansas City	5.1	5.1	0	0
Los Angeles	108.3	111.6	-3	-11
New Orleans	6.0	5.9	2	-5
New York	32.9	30.3	9	-11
St. Louis	19.7	24.5	-20	6
San Francisco	20.7	18.5	12	-4
Total	350.9	334.8	5	-9
4 Week Moving Avg.	327.0			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Dec 26, 2006

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	132	127	105	61
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	127-131	123-127	98-102	54-58
MOSTLY	129-130	125-126	100-101	56-57
RHODE ISLAND	131-135	126-130	104-108	60-64
MOSTLY	131	126	104	60
VERMONT	132	127	105	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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